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IN IRELAND,

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REPORT.

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LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit, as directed by the Act 7 & 8 Vic., c. 81, sec. 56, General Abstracts of the Marriages registered in Ireland during the year 1859. The Tables are arranged so as to admit of comparison with those published in the Reports of former years.

The entire number of Marriages returned to the General Register Office in 1859 was 9,261. This amount exceeds the total of 1858 by 301; but is less by 679 than the Marriages registered in 1857.

The Districts of the Registrars are 130 in number, and are co-extensive with the Poor Law Unions of 1845, as the Act does not contain any provision authorizing their alteration.

The following statement gives the number of Marriages registered in 1858 and 1859, by the Clergy of the Established Church,—by Presbyterian Ministers,—in Registered Buildings—(which comprise the Meeting-houses of Methodists, Moravians, Independents, and other denominations),—and in the Registrars' Offices; the increase and decrease is also shown, with the proportion per cent., under each class:—

Mode in which Marriages were performed.	Marriages.					
	1858.	1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.	Increase per Cent.	Decrease per Cent.
According to the rites of the Established Church,	4,941	4,979	38	—	0·76	—
In Registered Presbyterian Meeting-houses,	2,477	2,686	209	—	8·42	—
In Registered Buildings,	86	90	4	—	4·65	—
In Registrars' Offices,	1,444	1,498	54	—	3·74	—
Between Members of the Society of Friends,	11	7	—	4	—	—
Jews,	1	1	—	—	—	—
Total,	8,960	9,261	Net Increase. 301		3·35	—

From the 1st of April, 1845, to the 31st of December, 1859, 135,645 Marriages have been Registered,—certified copies of any of which can now be procured at the General Register Office, on payment of a fee of *One Shilling* for a search in the Indexes, and *Two Shillings* and *Sixpence* for a certified copy of the entry in the records. Satisfactory proof of a Marriage may thus be obtained, as the Act referred to, Sec. 71, enacts that, "all certified copies of entries purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the "said Register Office, and which seal it shall not be necessary to prove, shall be received "as evidence of the Marriage to which the same relates, without any further or other "proof of such entry; and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said office shall "be of any force or effect which is not sealed or stamped as aforesaid."

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The total number of Marriages registered in each year, from 1845 to 1859, may be known from the following Table, and also the mode in which they were solemnized :—

Years ended 31st December,	MARRIAGES. According to the Rites of the Established Church. Special License.	License.	Banns.	Registrar's Certificate.	Not stated by which of the foregoing Forms.	Total	Not according to the Rites of the Established Church. In Registered Presbyterian Meeting-houses	In Registered Buildings	In the Registrars' Offices.	Society of Friends.	Jews.	Total.	Total Marriages.
1845 (9 last months),	4	2,630	732	40	712	4,118	1,586	39	358	11	2	1,996	6,114
1846, .	5	3,010	992	74	779	5,760	2,712	67	797	8	–	3,584	9,344
1847, .	6	2,897	925	66	427	4,321	1,777	62	772	10	1	2,622	6,943
1848, .	8	3,529	1,257	118	401	5,313	2,313	87	1,320	14	1	3,735	9,048
1849, .	2	3,572	1,384	108	258	5,324	2,440	67	1,647	13	2	4,169	9,493
1850, .	1	3,710	1,431	108	137	5,387	2,504	85	1,789	16	–	4,394	9,781
1851, .	4	3,719	1,341	64	73	5,201	2,517	80	1,527	13	1	4,138	9,339
1852, .	4	3,946	1,312	39	64	5,365	2,547	92	1,475	8	–	4,122	9,487
1853, .	6	4,173	1,260	47	76	5,562	2,890	100	1,626	19	–	4,635	10,197
1854, .	8	4,095	1,015	25	45	5,188	2,701	77	1,447	11	2	4,238	9,426
1855, .	6	3,867	1,002	20	27	4,922	2,435	79	1,318	12	1	3,843	8,765
1856, .	11	4,224	1,025	23	38	5,319	2,551	83	1,580	12	2	4,228	9,547
1857, .	7	4,271	1,019	16	30	5,343	2,847	75	1,660	15	–	4,597	9,940
1858, .	12	3,887	1,009	9	24	4,941	2,477	86	1,444	11	1	4,019	8,960
1859, .	7	3,974	972	13	13	4,979	2,686	90	1,498	7	1	4,282	9,281

Of the Marriages which were *not* solemnized according to the rites of the Established Church, 63 in every 100 were in Presbyterian places of worship, 35 in the Registrars' Offices, and 2 in Registered Buildings belonging to Methodists, Baptists, Independents, and other religious denominations.

The following Table shows the proportion per cent. of the Marriages which were solemnized by License and otherwise, according to the rites of the Established Church; also those *not* according to such rites; distinguishing the place in which the ceremony was performed, since the 1st of April, 1845—the date when the Act 7 & 8 Vic., ch. 81, came into operation :—

Years ended 31st December,	MARRIAGES. According to the Rites of the Established Church. Special License.	License.	Banns.	Registrar's Certificate.	Not stated by which of the foregoing Forms.	Total.	Not according to the Rites of the Established Church. In Registered Presbyterian Meeting-houses.	In Registered Buildings.	In the Registrars' Offices.	Society of Friends.	Jews	Total.
1845 (9 last months),	0·1	63·8	17·8	1·0	17·3	100	79·5	2·0	17·9	0·5	0·1	100
1846, ...	0·1	67·9	17·2	1·3	13·5	100	75·7	1·9	22·2	0·2	–	100
1847, ...	0·2	87·0	21·4	1·5	9·9	100	67·8	2·4	29·4	0·4	0·0	100
1848, ...	0·2	66·4	23·7	2·2	7·5	100	81·9	2·3	35·4	0·4	0·0	100
1849, ...	0·0	87·1	26·0	2·0	4·9	100	58·5	1·6	39·5	0·3	0·1	100
1850, ...	0·0	68·9	26·6	2·0	2·5	100	57·0	1·9	40·7	0·4	–	100
1851, ...	0·1	71·5	25·8	1·2	1·4	100	60·8	2·0	36·9	0·3	0·0	100
1852, ...	0·1	73·5	24·5	0·7	1·2	100	61·8	2·2	35·8	0·2	–	100
1853, ...	0·1	75·0	22·7	0·8	1·4	100	62·3	2·2	35·1	0·4	–	100
1854, ...	0·1	78·9	19·8	0·5	0·9	100	63·7	1·8	34·1	0·3	0·1	100
1855, ...	0·1	78·6	20·4	0·4	0·5	100	63·4	2·1	34·2	0·3	0·0	100
1856, ...	0·2	79·4	19·3	0·4	0·7	100	60·3	1·9	37·4	0·3	0·1	100
1857, ...	0·1	79·9	19·1	0·3	0·6	100	62·0	1·6	36·1	0·3	–	100
1858, ...	0·2	78·7	20·4	0·2	0·5	100	61·6	2·2	35·9	0·3	0·0	100
1859, ...	0·1	79·8	19·5	0·3	0·3	100	62·8	2·0	35·0	0·2	0·0	100

Marriages of Minors.—The Marriages of males under 21 years of age in 1859, are less than those in the preceding year, whilst those of females under age are above the number in 1858. The relative proportions are—males, in 1859, 4·25 per cent.,—in 1858, 4·55;—females, in 1859, 17·48 per cent.,—in 1858, 16·81 per cent. In England the proportion of minors married in 1856 was 5·72 per cent. of males, and 18·34 per cent. of females. Owing, however, to the defective system of registration in this country, no satisfactory comparison can be made between the statistics of Marriage in Ireland and England.

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Were the Marriages of the entire population registered, most probably the result would be in accordance with the prevailing impression that a greater proportion of Marriages at early ages annually take place in Ireland than in Great Britain.

Re-Marriages.—The proportion of widowers and widows whose Marriages were registered in 1859 was less than in the previous year: the numbers were 1,064 men and 527 women, which was at the rate of 11·48 widowers and 5·69 widows to every 100 Marriages.

Signatures of Persons Married.—All persons whose Marriages are registered under this Act are required to sign their names in the duplicate Registers; those who are unable to write make a mark in the usual way. Some test may, by this means, be afforded as regards progress in education. The copies of the Registers of Marriages received for the year 1859 show a slight improvement in the education of the males in this respect, but not in that of the females. The numbers who made their marks being, in 9,261 Marriages, 2,479 men, or 26·76 per cent., and 3,955 women, or 42·70 per cent.

The following summary gives the number of persons who contracted Marriage under 21 years of age,—of those who were widowers and widows,—and also of those who signed the Register Books with marks, during each year from 1845 to 1859 inclusive :—

Years ended 31st December.	Total Marriages.	Not of Age.				Re-married.				Signed with Marks.			
		Men.	Rate per Cent.	Women.	Rate per Cent.	Widowers.	Rate per Cent.	Widows.	Rate per Cent.	Men.	Rate per Cent.	Women.	Rate per Cent.
1845 (9 last months),	6,114	345	5·64	1,192	19·50	665	10·88	340	5·56	1,189	19·45	2,223	36·36
1846, . . .	9,344	474	5·07	1,870	20·01	1,038	11·11	571	0·11	1,688	18·07	3,387	36·25
1847, . . .	6,943	246	3·54	1,210	17·43	862	12·42	429	6·18	1,077	15·51	2,260	82·55
1848, . . .	9,048	391	4·32	1,584	17·50	1,274	14·08	703	7·77	1,797	19·86	3,387	37·43
1849, . . .	9,493	416	4·37	1,714	18·06	1,244	13·10	679	7·15	2,096	22·08	3,922	41·31
1850, . . .	9,781	489	5·00	1,776	18·15	1,329	13·58	754	7·71	2,427	24·81	4,384	44·82
1851, . . .	9,339	414	4·40	1,551	16·61	1,183	12·67	695	7·44	2,281	24·42	4,037	43·23
1852, . . .	9,487	429	4·52	1,629	17·17	1,199	12·63	664	6·99	2,493	26·27	4,235	44·64
1853, . . .	10,197	475	4·65	1,708	16·75	1,255	12·30	700	0·86	2,726	26·73	4,009	45·19
1854, . . .	9,426	473	5·02	1,647	17·47	1,148	12·18	601	6·37	2,457	20·06	4,105	43·55
1855, . . .	8,765	405	4·62	1,551	17·69	1,163	13·26	610	6 95	2,260	25·78	3,674	41·91
1856, . . .	9,547	487	5·10	1,736	18·18	1,171	12·26	666	6·97	2,589	27 11	4,199	43·98
1857, . . .	9,940	515	5·18	1,716	17·26	1,182	11·89	623	6·26	2,713	27·29	4,317	43·43
1858, . . .	8,960	408	4 55	1,507	16·81	1,097	12·24	586	6·54	2,439	27·22	3,802	42·43
1859, . . .	9,261	394	4 25	1,619	17·48	1,064	11·48	527	5·69	2,479	26·76	3,955	42·70

It will be seen from the following Table,—which gives the number of Marriages registered in each quarter of the several years from 1849 to 1859,—that the Marriages registered within the quarter ended the 31st December continue to be the most numerous. The proportions for each quarter in 1859 were: During the three months ended 31st March, —25 per cent.;—30th June, 23;—30th September, 24;—and 31st December, 28 per cent. The increase in the number of Registered Marriages in 1859 over 1858, will be found to have taken place in the quarters ended 31st March and 30th September :—

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EACH QUARTER OF THE YEARS 1849 to 1859, BY PROVINCES.

Years	Ulster.				Leinster.				Munster.				Connaught.				Ireland.			
	Quarter ending				Quarter ending				Quarter ending				Quarter ending				Quarter ending			
	March 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.	Mar. 31.	June 30.	Sept 30.	Dec. 31.	Mar. 31.	June 30	Sept. 30.	Dec 31	Mar. 31.	June 30.	Sept 30.	Dec. 31.	March 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.
1849, . .	1,554	1,407	1,322	1,946	411	407	447	444	298	265	298	295	88	69	118	124	2,351	2,148	2,185	2,809
1850, . .	1,618	1,484	1,516	1,956	446	429	454	431	292	244	261	284	87	87	95	97	2,443	2,244	2,326	2,768
1851, . .	1,755	1,432	1,423	1,768	384	410	403	415	256	209	268	250	115	64	88	99	2,510	2,115	2,182	2,532
1852, . .	1,655	1,443	1,543	2,072	367	363	404	425	221	185	231	213	107	06	89	103	2,350	2,057	2,267	2,813
1853, . .	1,760	1,595	1,772	2,116	444	444	425	429	227	232	218	190	97	81	78	89	2,528	2,352	2,493	2,824
1854, . .	1,743	1,570	1,576	1,966	344	396	375	393	230	190	161	192	89	65	68	68	2,406	2,221	2,180	2,619
1855, . .	1,647	1,407	1,237	1,822	353	380	414	395	203	211	193	178	90	88	69	78	2,293	2,086	1,913	2,473
1856, . .	1,710	1,471	1,460	2,047	373	404	434	458	219	200	206	205	96	93	85	86	2,398	2,168	2,185	2,796
1857, . .	1,764	1,633	1,707	2,001	417	404	464	404	244	175	180	175	123	79	93	77	2,548	2,291	2,444	2,657
1858, . .	1,510	1,472	1,306	1,932	350	401	457	453	216	192	179	188	95	65	74	70	2,171	2,130	2,016	2,643
1859, . .	1,629	1,511	1,494	1,898	382	384	452	436	201	158	206	199	100	78	62	71	2,312	2,131	2,214	2,604

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I observed in my last Report, that the benefits of the present Act are almost entirely confined to the provinces of Ulster and Leinster,—this will be apparent when it is stated that in 1859, out of 9,261 Marriages which were registered, *only* 1,075 *were solemnized in the provinces of Munster and Connaught;* and of the 32 counties, including the cities and large towns, *Antrim*, *Down*, *Armagh*, *Tyrone*, *Londonderry*, *Dublin*, and *Cork*, afforded 7,026 of the entire number of Registered Marriages. In like manner, in 15 districts out of 130,—5,258 of the Marriages returned in 1859 were recorded. It may also be observed, that the number of Marriages registered in Ulster in 1859 exceeds those registered in the same province in 1858 by 312, being more than the total increase of Marriages registered in all Ireland in 1859 compared with the previous year. It is to be hoped that the benefits of a Registration of Marriages may shortly be extended to the Roman Catholic population.

The following Summaries show the total number of Marriages solemnized in each year, from 1848 to 1859 inclusive, by Provinces, and also in those Counties and Districts to which the operation of the Marriages Act is now chiefly confined:—

PROVINCES.

Years,	1848.	1849.	1850	1851.	1852.	1853	1854.	1855	1856	1857.	1858.	1859.
Ulster,	5,694	6,229	6,574	6,378	6,713	7,243	6,855	6,113	6,688	7,105	6,220	6,532
Leinster,	1,779	1,709	1,760	1,612	1,559	1,742	1,508	1,542	1,669	1,689	1,661	1,654
Munster,	1,152	1,156	1,081	983	850	867	773	785	830	774	775	764
Connaught,	423	399	366	366	365	345	290	325	360	372	304	311

COUNTIES.

Years,	1848.	1849.	1850	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.
Antrim,	1,730	2,007	2,193	2,113	2,230	2,322	2,210	1,875	2,135	2,262	2,034	2,150
Down,	1,234	1,306	1,457	1,375	1,407	1,479	1,362	1,170	1,328	1,409	1,134	1,329
Armagh,	568	796	785	787	811	821	778	630	757	843	683	724
Tyrone,	646	633	609	594	675	789	783	729	734	721	662	690
Londonderry,	464	589	594	580	647	747	630	628	666	722	626	614
Dublin, Co. and City,	918	910	1,009	954	890	1,011	889	858	932	997	1,034	1,054
Cork, Co. and City,	526	541	510	443	428	438	399	386	416	414	415	465

DISTRICTS.

Years,	1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.
Belfast,	685	782	837	820	863	862	827	781	849	821	752	856
Antrim,	195	221	259	247	271	237	202	200	184	240	217	216
Armagh,	281	306	264	299	319	347	298	274	327	335	267	260
Ballymena,	312	395	462	454	471	503	471	361	441	502	436	440
Ballymoney,	131	156	155	162	170	221	193	146	178	199	164	181
Banbridge,	275	360	401	406	442	448	428	332	366	406	317	353
Coleraine,	183	193	190	172	230	232	237	221	226	258	214	228
Lisburn,	372	431	474	407	451	422	421	299	446	426	361	441
Lurgan,	259	397	430	390	415	460	448	286	388	451	381	417
Magherafelt,	123	156	189	182	199	263	196	189	224	224	174	156
Newry,	211	192	251	217	238	203	210	179	174	205	150	180
Newtownards,	322	412	407	365	343	420	328	296	338	378	265	316
Dublin, North,	361	344	412	363	305	330	324	294	313	334	330	332
Dublin, South,	481	491	503	527	495	579	477	492	534	568	576	615
Cork,	297	333	309	254	237	248	208	199	214	220	199	267

The succeeding Table exhibits, by Registration Districts, the number of Churches and Chapels belonging to the Established Church, (compiled from lists received annually

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from the several Diocesan Registrars,)—of Registered Presbyterian Meeting Houses,—and of "Registered Buildings" in which Marriages might lawfully be solemnized, on the 31st of December, 1859:—

Districts.	Churches and Chapels of the Established Church.	Registered Presbyterian Meeting-houses. (Sec. 7.)	Registered Buildings (Sec. 27.)	Total.
Aldeyleix,	10	–	–	10
Antrim,	8	23	2	33
Ardee,	12	1	–	13
Armagh,	21	21	4	46
Athlone,	11	1	2	14
Athy,	14	1	–	15
Baileborough,	6	5	–	11
Ballina,	12	4	2	18
Balbinasloe,	13	1	–	14
Balliurolie,	10	–	–	10
Ballycastle,	8	6	1	15
Ballymena,	9	20	4	33
Ballymoney,	8	19	3	30
Ballyshannon,	8	1	1	10
Balrothery,	11	–	–	11
Baltinglass,	11	–	–	11
Banbridge,	13	25	5	43
Bandon,	20	2	2	24
Bantry,	4	–	–	4
Belfast,	14	30	10	54
Boyle,	8	2	–	10
Castlerseveen,	2	–	–	2
Cahan,	10	–	–	10
Carlow,	23	1	–	24
Carrickmacross,	4	1	–	5
Carrick-on-Shannon,	10	–	–	10
Carrick-on-Suir,	8	1	–	9
Cashel,	9	1	–	10
Castlelar,	4	1	1	6
Castleblayney,	6	14	–	20
Castledeeg,	4	3	1	8
Castleren,	7	–	–	7
Cavan,	19	4	–	23
Celbridge,	13	–	1	14
Clifden,	6	1	1	8
Clogheen,	8	–	–	8
Clogher,	6	5	–	11
Clones,	6	4	–	10
Clonmel,	7	1	–	8
Coleraine,	14	19	5	38
Cookstown,	8	11	1	20
Cootehill,	12	5	3	20
Cork,	24	2	3	29
Donegal,	7	2	4	13
Downpatrick,	23	22	3	48
Drogheda,	12	1	1	14
Dublin, North,	17	5	4	26
Dublin, South,	21	3	3	27
Dundalk,	12	1	1	14
Dunfanaghy,	5	1	–	6
Dungannon,	13	13	2	28
Dungarvan,	8	–	–	8
Dunmanway,	5	–	1	6
Dunshaughlin,	11	–	–	11
Edenderry,	9	–	–	9
Ennis,	8	1	1	10
Enniscorthy,	17	–	1	18
Enniskillen,	14	3	1	18
Ennistymon,	5	–	–	5
Fermoy,	19	1	–	20
Galway,	6	1	1	8
Glenties,	8	–	1	9
Gorey,	12	–	–	12
Goet,	5	–	–	5
Gortin,	2	5	–	7
Granard,	9	1	–	10
Inishowen,	9	4	–	13
Kanturk,	9	–	–	9
Kells,	9	–	–	9
Keonmare,	4	–	–	4
Kilkeel,	4	5	2	11
Kilkenny,	24	1	1	26
Killarney,	8	–	–	8
Kilmallock,	12	–	–	12
Kilrush,	5	–	–	5
Kinsale,	12	–	1	13
Lame,	10	17	6	33
Letterkenny,	5	6	1	12
Limerick,	22	1	2	25
Lisburn,	15	21	5	41
Lismore,	7	1	–	8
Lismaskea,	7	2	–	9
Listowel,	10	–	–	10
Londonderry,	13	18	5	36
Longford,	17	2	–	19
Longhrea,	7	–	–	7
Lowtherstown,	6	2	1	9
Lurgan,	12	8	4	24
Macroom,	13	–	–	13
Magherafelt,	14	14	2	30
Mallow,	11	–	–	11
Manorhamilton,	7	1	–	8
Middleton,	21	–	1	22
Milford,	6	8	2	16
Moville,	9	1	–	10
Monaghan,	10	9	–	19
Mountmellick,	12	1	1	14
Mullingar,	22	3	–	25
Nenagh,	18	1	–	19
Navan,	13	–	–	13
Newcastle,	20	–	2	22
Newcastle,	7	–	–	7
New Ross,	17	–	1	18
Newry,	16	21	4	41
Newtownards,	11	32	8	51
Newtownbrmavady,	9	14	1	24
Oblenstle,	10	2	–	12
Omagh,	11	13	1	25
Parsonstown,	17	1	1	19
Rathdown,	9	2	2	13
Rathdrum,	12	–	3	15
Rathkeale,	14	–	–	14
Roscommon,	8	–	–	8
Roscrea,	13	–	–	13
Scarriff,	6	–	–	6
Shillelagh,	13	–	2	15
Skibbereen,	18	–	–	18
Sligo,	16	2	2	20
Strabane,	9	20	3	32
Stranorlar,	3	4	1	8
Swineford,	4	–	–	4
Thurles,	12	–	–	12
Tipperary,	12	1	–	13
Tralee,	15	2	1	18
Trim,	10	1	–	11
Tuam,	5	–	–	5
Tullamore,	11	1	2	14
Waterford,	17	2	2	21
Westport,	11	2	1	14
Wexford,	16	1	1	18
Total,	1,424	543	148	2,115

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During 1859, there was an addition of 16, to the number of places of worship in which Marriages may be solemnized, viz., 10 Churches, 2 Registered Presbyterian Meeting Houses, and 4 Registered Buildings.

The Registered Buildings belong to the following denominations:—

Wesleyan Methodists,	79
Reformed Presbyterians,	24
Baptists,	10
Independents,	14
Moravians or United Brethren,	5
Not expressly stated,	16
Total,	148

The number of Licenses for Marriage issued by the Licensing Ministers of the several Presbyteries during the year 1859, was as follows:—

Presbytery, or Synod.	Number of Licensing Ministers on 31st December, 1859.	Number of Registered Meeting-houses on 31st December, 1859	Number of Licenses issued.
1. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,	101	503	2,605
2. Remonstrant Synod of Ulster,	9	26	66
3. Presbytery of Antrim,	3	10	39
4. United Presbytery or Synod of Munster,	4	4	2
Totals,	117	543	2,712

839 Licenses for Marriage were granted by District Registrars in 1859.

I beg here to repeat to your Excellency the observations made in my last Report, as to the great want of a general measure for the Registration of Births and Deaths in Ireland; and of the Marriages solemnized by Roman Catholic priests, which are now excluded from Registration, by the Act 7 & 8 Vic., ch. 81, sec. 3. This is much to be regretted, as the advantages to be derived from a knowledge of the vital statistics of the people of this country cannot be too highly estimated. The English Act has now been in operation for upwards of twenty years, and has been productive of the most beneficial results. By the information which it has afforded, many diseases have been traced to their causes; sanitary measures have been introduced for the improvement of the public health; it has assisted in making effective the Vaccination Act, by which the lives of so many infants have been saved; it gives to Insurance Companies data for calculating equitable rates for life insurance; and to persons requiring proof of birth, whether to be employed in the public service or in the factory, it supplies cheap and conclusive evidence. Even before the many uses were known to which the information derivable from a general registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages could be applied, the Committee of the House of Commons appointed in 1833 to inquire into this important subject, and which consisted of *thirty* members, including some of the most *distinguished statesmen* of the day, reported as follows:—

"1. That the subject is urgently important.

"2. That it involves matters of great public and national interest, as well as individual satisfaction and rights and claims to property, and deserves the attention of the humblest artizan as well as of the most philosophical and statesmanlike inquirer.

"3. That the existing law is imperfect and unjust, and requires not only partial amendment, but real fundamental reform.

"4. That great trouble, vast expense, utter uncertainty, capricious changes, and local and general evils exist, while no means are supplied to obtain the information other countries possess and justly value as to the state of disease, the operation of moral and physical causes on the health of the people, the progress of the population, and other matters on which accurate knowledge can scarcely be too highly appreciated, or too intensely pursued.

"Your Committee cannot hesitate to state their decided opinion that a new national system of Registration should be attempted. * * * * * By such an internal, but most needful improvement, they believe that the national honour will be promoted—that inestimably useful information will be ensured—that great evils, affecting all landed property, and obstructing its descent and sale, and acquisition will be diminished. * * *

"They are not unaware that some objections may be stated, some interests affected, and prejudices alarmed; *but they trust the matter will not be considered as any party question, or any source of political strife*, as they too are persuaded that all apparent difficulties may be obviated with facility—and that, by liberality and perseverance, an improvement will be cheaply, promptly, and permanently accomplished, which they venture to recommend—and which the most practical, experienced, and enlightened of all religious denominations emphatically and conjointly desire."

As so many and great advantages have arisen from the operation of the Registration Act in England, it is to be hoped that this country will not longer be permitted to remain without the benefits of a like measure. A similar Act was passed for Scotland in 1854, so

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that Ireland is now the only portion of the United Kingdom which has not a general record of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages of its population. On this subject the Registrar-General in England makes the following observation in his Nineteenth Report, presented to Parliament in June, 1858:—

"The marriages, births, and deaths of the people of Ireland are still unregistered, so that the movement of the population in the United Kingdom cannot be given. This defect has been sometimes referred to the fact that the majority of the people of Ireland profess the Roman Catholic religion; but it is evident that the chiefs of the Catholic faith are not now hostile to statistical operations of any kind. The births, deaths, and marriages are registered in all the Catholic states of the continent of Europe; and a valuable series of statistical documents has lately been printed at the press of the Apostolic Chamber at Rome, under the auspices of the Papal Minister of Commerce. The Papal Government took a census in 1853, and has announced its intention to publish henceforward annual returns of births, deaths, and marriages. Is Ireland in this respect to remain in arrear of all the civilized states of Europe?"

The foregoing extracts, from such eminent authorities, forcibly demonstrate that most serious inconvenience and loss are experienced from the want of a perfect system of registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Ireland.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

Your Excellency's very faithful servant,

WILLIAM DONNELLY,
Registrar-General.

The General Register Office, Dublin,
June 12th, 1860.

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GENERAL ABSTRACTS.

1859.

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ABSTRACT of MARRIAGES Registered in Ireland, under the Provisions of the Act 7 and 8 Vic., c. 81, during the Year 1859.

Districts.	Marriages: According to the Rites of the Established Church: Special License.	License.	Banns.	Registrar's Certificate.	Not stated by which of the foregoing forms.	Total.	Marriages: Not according to the Rites of the Established Church: In Registered Presbyterian Meeting-houses.	In Registered Buildings.	In the Registrar's Office.	Society of Friends.	Jews.	Total.	Total Marriages.	Not of Age: Men.	Not of Age: Women.	Re-married: Widowers.	Re-married: Widows.	Signed with Marks: Men.	Signed with Marks: Women.
1. Abbeyleix,	–	13	2	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	–	1	2	1	1	–
2. Antrim,	–	17	4	–	–	21	170	1	21	–	–	195	216	15	32	24	9	66	56
3. Ardee,	–	12	–	–	–	12	1	–	1	–	–	2	14	1	3	1	3	1	4
4. Armagh,	–	161	4	–	–	168	61	–	30	1	–	92	260	13	18	30	15	102	138
5. Athlone,	–	14	12	–	–	26	7	–	2	–	–	9	35	1	4	2	6	6	14
6. Athy,	1	10	1	–	–	12	3	–	2	1	–	6	18	1	3	3	1	1	5
7. Ballaghadereen,	–	12	3	–	–	15	13	–	6	–	–	19	34	1	6	2	2	3	11
8. Ballina,	–	30	2	–	–	32	8	–	–	–	–	8	40	–	6	7	5	8	17
9. Ballinasloe,	–	14	3	–	–	17	–	–	2	–	–	2	19	–	3	3	2	1	3
10. Ballinrobe,	–	5	2	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	4	–	–	1	3
11. Ballycastle,	–	26	1	–	–	27	30	–	6	–	–	36	63	4	7	6	1	15	21
12. Ballymena,	–	30	18	–	–	48	276	5	111	–	–	392	440	30	93	44	23	161	237
13. Ballymoney,	–	30	2	–	–	32	115	1	33	–	–	149	181	13	33	15	1	52	85
14. Ballyshannon,	–	22	1	–	1	24	4	–	6	–	–	10	34	1	4	1	2	8	15
15. Balrothery,	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	–	2	–	–	2	6	–	1	1	1	–	1
16. Baltinglass,	–	9	1	–	–	10	–	–	1	–	–	4	14	–	1	1	2	3	4
17. Banbridge,	–	129	5	–	–	134	112	1	76	–	–	219	353	20	64	11	14	111	229
18. Bandon,	–	31	8	6	1	46	–	1	–	–	–	1	47	7	7	11	5	1	11
19. Bantry,	–	7	1	–	–	8	–	–	2	–	–	2	10	–	1	1	–	–	–
20. Belfast,	–	287	136	2	–	145	259	19	152	1	–	431	856	30	155	121	71	104	190
21. Boyle,	–	17	1	–	–	18	–	–	1	–	–	1	19	–	5	2	3	3	1
22. Cahersiveen,	–	2	1	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	2	–	1	–	–
23. Callan,	–	3	1	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	1	1	–	–	–
24. Carlow,	–	26	9	–	1	36	1	–	4	–	–	5	41	2	9	1	1	1	2
25. Carrickmacross,	–	5	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	1	1	–	1	–	1
26. Carrick-on-Shannon,	–	16	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	1	5	4	2	1	5
27. Carrick-on-Suir,	–	–	–	–	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	2	3	–	–	–	–	1	1
28. Cashel,	–	12	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	1	5	1	–	1	3
29. Castlebar,	–	3	1	–	–	4	–	–	1	–	–	1	5	1	1	2	–	3	3
30. Castleblayney,	–	91	2	–	–	93	42	–	6	–	–	47	80	5	22	8	3	45	55
31. Castledeag,	–	23	1	–	–	24	12	–	–	–	–	12	36	1	8	1	–	13	22
32. Castlerea,	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	–	–	–
33. Cavan,	–	71	6	–	–	77	1	–	5	–	–	9	86	1	18	15	7	21	19
34. Celbridge,	–	7	3	–	–	10	–	–	2	–	–	2	12	1	5	–	–	–	3
35. Clifden,	–	10	6	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	2	10	1	–	1	10
36. Clogheen,	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	1	–	–	–	–
37. Clogher,	–	59	–	–	–	59	21	–	–	–	–	21	80	1	16	1	5	21	10
38. Clones,	–	40	–	–	–	40	11	–	1	–	–	12	52	1	12	5	1	16	24
39. Clonmel,	–	12	6	–	–	18	1	–	–	–	–	1	19	1	8	1	1	1	1
40. Coleraine,	–	50	3	–	–	53	115	1	50	–	–	175	228	10	36	22	9	55	103
41. Cookstown,	–	56	3	–	–	59	61	–	14	–	–	79	138	13	25	17	9	50	1
42. Cootehill,	–	38	8	–	–	46	19	1	12	–	–	32	78	8	10	8	2	15	5
43. Cork,	–	106	90	–	–	196	9	6	56	–	–	71	267	3	45	34	25	32	51
44. Donegal,	–	48	3	–	–	51	7	3	8	–	–	19	70	1	16	5	3	16	13
45. Downpatrick,	–	67	1	–	–	64	148	1	16	–	–	165	229	8	35	26	5	54	76
46. Dungannon,	–	13	–	–	1	14	1	–	2	–	–	3	17	1	2	1	–	2	1
47. Dublin, North,	–	130	108	–	–	237	21	1	60	–	–	85	332	8	33	36	29	21	50
48. Dublin, South,	3	286	190	1	–	480	8	1	119	3	1	135	615	10	87	79	58	15	96
49. Dundalk,	–	8	–	–	1	9	2	–	4	–	–	6	15	–	3	1	–	1	6
50. Dunfanaghy,	–	9	–	–	–	9	2	–	–	–	–	2	11	1	1	1	–	2	3
51. Dungannon,	–	94	4	–	–	96	51	2	10	–	–	63	159	9	30	22	10	60	45
52. Dungiven,	–	5	1	–	–	6	–	–	2	–	–	2	8	1	4	2	1	–	4
53. Dunmanway,	–	7	2	–	–	9	–	–	3	–	–	3	12	1	2	1	–	1	1
54. Dunshaughlin,	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	1	1	–	–
55. Edenderry,	–	3	1	–	–	4	–	–	3	–	–	3	7	–	1	2	1	4	2
56. Enniscorthy,	–	3	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	–	–	1	4	–	1	–	–	–	1
57. Enniskillen,	–	10	3	–	–	13	–	1	6	–	–	7	20	2	3	4	–	5	6
58. Ennis,	–	76	2	–	–	78	3	–	72	–	–	75	153	4	18	17	9	55	57
59. Enniskillen,	–	5	1	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	1	1	1	1	–
60. Fermoy,	–	16	25	–	1	41	2	–	–	–	–	2	43	–	6	2	2	11	21
61. Galway,	–	12	1	–	–	13	2	–	5	–	–	7	20	–	2	1	2	1	1
62. Glenties,	–	10	–	–	–	10	–	2	–	–	–	2	12	–	2	1	–	3	3
63. Gorey,	–	11	1	–	–	15	–	–	5	–	–	5	20	–	–	4	1	1	8
64. Gort,	–	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–	1
65. Gortin,	–	3	–	–	–	3	12	–	2	–	–	14	17	–	6	5	–	5	8
66. Gweedore,	–	15	4	–	–	19	2	–	2	–	–	4	23	–	4	–	1	3	1

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67. Inishowen,	–	11	–	–	–	11	15	–	1	–	–	16	30	–	4	3	1	9	16
68. Kanlark,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
69. Kells,	–	10	1	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	–	5	–	–	1	2
70. Kenmare,	–	4	1	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	1	–	1	1	2
71. Kilkeel,	–	16	1	–	–	17	29	–	1	–	–	30	47	4	8	8	2	18	26
72. Kilkenny,	–	17	8	–	–	25	–	–	2	–	–	2	27	–	4	3	–	4	10
73. Killarney,	–	8	–	–	–	8	–	–	1	–	–	1	9	–	3	1	–	2	1
74. Kilmallock,	–	5	5	–	–	10	–	–	1	–	–	1	11	–	2	2	1	2	5
75. Kilrush,	–	5	1	–	–	6	–	–	3	–	–	3	9	–	–	1	3	1	5
76. Kinsale,	–	8	3	–	–	11	–	–	1	–	–	1	15	1	5	–	1	2	2
77. Larne,	–	25	2	–	–	27	149	7	2	–	–	158	185	7	33	18	3	32	52
78. Letterkenny,	–	11	1	–	–	18	28	1	4	–	–	33	51	3	17	3	4	24	30
79. Limerick,	–	12	22	–	1	65	2	–	5	1	–	8	73	2	11	8	7	8	29
80. Lisburn,	–	141	52	–	–	181	118	1	139	–	–	257	441	14	62	15	13	162	251
81. Lismore,	–	6	1	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	1	2	2	4
82. Lisnaskea,	–	38	2	–	–	40	1	–	15	–	–	19	59	1	5	2	1	16	23
83. Listowel,	–	6	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	1	–	–	2	2
84. Londonderry,	–	66	5	–	–	71	71	5	22	–	–	101	172	4	30	19	10	55	82
85. Longford,	1	28	2	–	–	31	–	–	1	–	–	1	31	–	5	2	3	1	4
86. Loughrea,	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–
87. Lowtherstown,	–	17	–	–	–	17	3	–	13	–	–	16	33	5	11	7	2	22	30
88. Lurgan,	–	279	8	1	–	288	41	1	81	–	–	129	417	34	91	46	19	100	287
89. Macroom,	–	1	1	–	–	5	–	–	4	–	–	4	9	–	–	2	–	1	2
90. Magherafelt,	–	81	–	–	–	81	17	–	15	–	–	72	156	3	32	18	7	55	70
91. Mallow,	–	8	4	–	–	12	–	–	1	–	–	1	14	–	5	1	2	–	2
92. Manorhamilton,	–	13	–	–	–	13	–	–	2	–	–	2	15	–	2	–	–	4	5
93. Middleton,	–	10	1	–	–	11	–	–	4	–	–	4	18	–	2	–	–	3	5
94. Milford,	–	8	2	–	–	10	19	1	–	–	–	20	30	3	11	6	2	18	23
95. Moiill,	–	21	6	–	–	27	1	–	–	–	–	1	28	1	9	2	–	13	8
96. Monaghan,	–	11	–	–	–	11	27	–	3	–	–	30	71	3	8	13	5	23	35
97. Mountmellick,	–	19	4	–	–	23	1	–	5	–	–	6	29	1	2	4	3	2	6
98. Mullingar,	–	16	1	–	1	18	–	–	1	–	–	1	19	–	3	5	2	–	2
99. Nenagh,	–	54	32	–	–	60	–	–	3	–	–	3	63	3	15	1	3	12	25
100. Navan,	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	1	–	–	–	–
101. Newagh,	–	20	2	–	–	22	–	–	1	–	–	1	23	–	4	2	–	3	4
102. Newcastle,	–	2	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
103. New Ross,	–	7	–	–	–	7	–	–	1	–	–	4	11	–	2	3	–	–	1
104. Newry,	–	80	–	–	–	80	31	–	30	–	–	94	180	7	23	26	10	48	83
105. Newtownards,	–	11	9	–	–	53	105	8	90	–	–	263	316	14	52	37	14	95	119
106. Newtownlimavady,	–	36	–	–	1	47	19	–	7	–	–	34	81	4	15	3	–	30	33
107. Oldcastle,	–	10	1	–	–	11	7	–	–	–	–	7	18	–	4	5	2	2	4
108. Omagh,	–	93	5	–	–	98	62	–	–	–	–	62	160	14	43	10	5	62	80
109. Parsonstown,	–	15	9	1	–	25	7	–	4	–	–	11	36	6	12	5	1	13	10
110. Rathdrum,	2	59	24	–	–	85	1	3	27	–	–	31	114	1	11	15	8	16	29
111. Rathfarnham,	–	26	6	–	–	32	–	–	6	–	–	6	38	1	7	8	5	8	9
112. Rathkeale,	–	11	2	–	–	13	–	–	2	–	–	2	15	–	5	–	–	3	6
113. Roscommon,	–	5	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	1	–	–	–	–
114. Roseren,	–	10	–	–	1	11	–	–	1	–	–	1	12	–	1	2	2	1	2
115. Scariff,	–	5	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	1	2	–	–	1
116. Shillelagh,	–	10	6	–	–	16	–	–	3	–	–	3	19	–	1	5	2	2	5
117. Skibbereen,	–	20	6	–	–	26	–	–	3	–	–	3	29	2	8	4	2	5	7
118. Sligo,	–	56	6	–	–	62	4	1	2	–	–	7	69	4	14	10	5	14	18
119. Stanbane,	–	41	1	–	–	42	77	3	6	–	–	86	128	6	24	14	2	35	53
120. Stranorlar,	–	12	1	–	–	13	26	1	2	–	–	29	42	3	7	3	–	8	10
121. Swineford,	–	3	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	1	1	–	–	–
122. Thurles,	–	8	4	1	–	13	–	–	1	–	–	1	14	–	3	2	1	2	4
123. Tipperary,	–	4	2	–	–	6	1	–	–	–	–	1	7	–	1	–	3	1	2
124. Tralee,	–	10	4	–	–	14	1	–	2	–	–	3	17	–	5	1	1	4	4
125. Trim,	–	10	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–
126. Tuam,	–	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	3	–	–	3	5	–	–	2	–	–	1
127. Tullamore,	–	13	1	–	–	14	–	–	1	–	–	1	15	–	4	2	2	4	3
128. Waterford,	–	20	3	–	1	24	–	1	3	–	–	4	28	1	9	5	2	1	8
129. Westport,	–	8	4	1	–	13	3	–	1	–	–	4	17	1	4	3	2	2	6
130. Wexford,	–	16	–	–	–	16	–	–	2	–	–	2	18	–	6	2	1	1	2
Ireland,	7	3,974	972	15	13	4,979	2,686	90	1,498	7	1	4,282	9,261	394	1,619	1,064	527	2,479	3,955

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Abstract of Marriages Registered in Ireland during each Quarter of the Year 1859.

Districts.	Counties in which Situate.	Quarter ended March 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.	Total
1. Abbeyleix,	Queen's County,	8	1	5	1	15
2. Antrim,	Antrim,	47	63	47	59	216
3. Ardee,	Louth, Meath,	3	4	5	2	14
4. Armagh,	Armagh, Tyrone,	72	55	57	76	260
5. Athlone,	Roscommon, Westmeath,	11	4	8	12	35
6. Athy,	Kildare, Queen's County, King's County,	3	2	6	7	18
7. Bailieborough,	Cavan, Meath,	11	5	5	13	34
8. Ballina,	Mayo, Sligo,	14	13	5	8	40
9. Ballinasloe,	Galway, Roscommon,	4	4	6	5	19
10. Ballinrobe,	Mayo, Galway,	3	1	1	2	7
11. Ballycastle,	Antrim,	18	14	21	10	63
12. Ballymena,	Antrim,	112	95	104	129	440
13. Ballymoney,	Antrim, Londonderry,	41	50	44	46	181
14. Ballyshannon,	Donegal, Fermanagh, Leitrim,	15	8	6	5	34
15. Balrothery,	Dublin,	1	2	1	2	6
16. Baltinglass,	Wicklow, Dublin, Kildare, Carlow,	5	2	4	3	14
17. Banbridge,	Down, Armagh,	87	87	96	83	353
18. Bandon,	Cork,	12	10	11	14	47
19. Bantry,	Cork,	6	1	1	2	10
20. Belfast,	Antrim, Down,	173	185	230	268	856
21. Boyle,	Roscommon, Sligo, Mayo,	6	4	3	6	19
22. Cahersiveen,	Kerry,	1	–	1	1	3
23. Callan,	Kilkenny, Tipperary,	–	3	–	1	4
24. Carlow,	Carlow, Queen's County, Kildare,	8	11	17	5	41
25. Carrickmacross,	Monaghan,	2	2	–	1	5
26. Carrick-on-Shannon,	Leitrim, Roscommon,	6	2	3	5	16
27. Carrick-on-Suir,	Tipperary, Kilkenny, Waterford,	–	–	–	3	3
28. Cashel,	Tipperary,	4	2	2	4	12
29. Castlebar,	Mayo,	1	1	1	2	5
30. Castleblayney,	Monaghan, Armagh,	28	18	13	21	80
31. Castlederg,	Tyrone,	10	9	3	14	36
32. Castlerea,	Roscommon, Mayo, Galway,	1	1	1	2	5
33. Cavan,	Cavan,	19	17	19	31	86
34. Celbridge,	Kildare, Dublin, Meath,	5	–	2	5	12
35. Clifden,	Galway,	6	5	1	4	16
36. Clogheen,	Tipperary, Limerick,	–	–	4	–	4
37. Clogher,	Tyrone, Monaghan,	22	20	11	20	73
38. Clones,	Monaghan, Fermanagh,	17	17	16	9	59
39. Clonmel,	Tipperary, Waterford,	1	6	1	8	19
40. Coleraine,	Londonderry, Antrim,	50	58	47	73	228
41. Cookstown,	Tyrone,	40	33	22	43	138
42. Cootehill,	Cavan, Monaghan,	18	14	21	25	78
43. Cork,	Cork County and City,	58	67	84	58	267
44. Donegal,	Donegal,	29	13	11	17	70
45. Downpatrick,	Down,	52	66	55	66	239
46. Drogheda,	Louth, Meath,	4	2	5	6	17
47. Dublin, North,	Dublin County and City,	89	83	76	84	332
48. Dublin, South,	Dublin County and City,	140	140	172	163	615
49. Dundalk,	Louth, Armagh, Monaghan,	4	4	3	4	15
50. Dunfanaghy,	Donegal,	7	–	1	3	11
51. Dungannon,	Tyrone,	48	41	31	39	159
52. Dungarvan,	Waterford,	–	1	3	4	8
53. Dunmanway,	Cork,	5	2	2	6	12
54. Dunshaughlin,	Meath, Dublin,	–	1	2	1	4
55. Edenderry,	King's County, Kildare, Meath,	1	3	1	2	7
56. Ennis,	Clare,	–	1	1	2	4
57. Enniscorthy,	Wexford, Carlow,	7	7	8	4	26
58. Enniskillen,	Fermanagh, Cavan, Tyrone,	34	41	34	44	153
59. Ennistymon,	Clare,	3	–	1	1	5
60. Fermoy,	Cork,	8	9	16	10	43
61. Galway,	Galway,	6	5	9	3	20
62. Glenties,	Donegal,	7	2	2	1	12
63. Gorey,	Wexford,	5	2	6	7	20
64. Gort,	Galway, Clare,	1	–	–	1	2
65. Gortin,	Tyrone,	7	3	4	3	17
66. Granard,	Longford, Westmeath, Cavan,	6	9	5	3	23

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ABSTRACT of MARRIAGES Registered in Ireland during each Quarter of the Year 1859—*continued.*

Districts.	Counties in which Situate	Quarter ended March 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.	TOTAL.
67. Inishowen,	Donegal,	12	5	6	7	30
68. Kanturk,	Cork, Kerry,	–	–	–	–	–
69. Kells,	Meath, Westmeath, Cavan,	1	–	3	7	11
70. Kenmare,	Kerry,	2	–	–	3	5
71. Kilkeel,	Down,	11	15	8	13	47
72. Kilkenny,	Kilkenny,	7	8	6	6	27
73. Killarney,	Kerry,	5	–	2	2	9
74. Kilmallock,	Limerick, Cork,	6	–	4	1	11
75. Kilrush,	Clare,	3	2	2	2	9
76. Kinsale,	Cork,	1	2	7	5	15
77. Lame,	Antrim,	37	37	48	63	185
78. Letterkenny,	Donegal,	17	11	7	16	51
79. Limerick,	Limerick, Clare,	16	17	18	22	73
80. Lisburn,	Antrim, Down,	99	105	117	120	441
81. Lismore,	Waterford, Cork,	4	–	2	4	10
82. Lisnaskea,	Fermanagh,	16	14	13	16	59
83. Listowel,	Kerry,	4	–	2	–	6
84. Londonderry,	Londonderry, Donegal,	47	35	39	51	172
85. Longford,	Longford, Roscommon,	8	8	8	8	32
86. Loughrea,	Galway,	–	–	–	1	1
87. Lowtherstown,	Fermanagh, Tyrone,	18	13	10	22	63
88. Lurgan,	Armagh, Down, Antrim,	107	88	83	139	417
89. Macroom,	Cork,	2	3	2	2	9
90. Magheracloll,	Londonderry,	44	36	33	43	156
91. Mallow,	Cork,	4	2	6	2	14
92. Manorhamilton,	Leitrim,	3	7	2	3	15
93. Middleton,	Cork,	7	3	5	3	18
94. Milford,	Donegal,	12	11	9	8	40
95. Mohill,	Leitrim,	14	10	2	2	28
96. Monaghan,	Monaghan,	21	15	16	19	71
97. Mountmellick,	Queen's County, King's County,	6	4	13	7	29
98. Mullingar,	Westmeath,	6	3	4	6	19
99. Naas,	Kildare, Dublin, Wicklow,	7	16	27	13	63
100. Navan,	Meath,	2	–	–	1	3
101. Nenagh,	Tipperary, Galway,	8	5	6	4	23
102. Newcastle,	Limerick,	1	–	1	–	2
103. New Ross,	Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow,	2	3	3	3	11
104. Newry,	Down, Armagh,	45	40	41	54	180
105. Newtownards,	Down,	56	71	82	107	316
106. Newtownlimavady,	Londonderry,	20	28	9	24	81
107. Oldcastle,	Meath, Westmeath, Cavan,	4	6	5	3	18
108. Omagh,	Tyrone,	55	24	29	52	160
109. Parsonstown,	King's County, Tipperary,	8	7	4	17	36
110. Rathdown,	Dublin, Wicklow,	22	27	32	33	114
111. Rathdrum,	Wicklow,	4	11	9	14	38
112. Rathkeale,	Limerick,	7	2	2	4	15
113. Roscommon,	Roscommon, Galway,	1	1	2	1	5
114. Roscrea,	Tipperary, King's County, Queen's County,	2	2	–	8	12
115. Scariff,	Clare, Galway,	2	1	1	1	5
116. Shillelagh,	Wicklow, Carlow,	5	7	2	5	19
117. Skibbereen,	Cork,	16	3	2	8	29
118. Sligo,	Sligo,	24	15	18	12	69
119. Strabane,	Tyrone, Donegal,	35	30	31	32	128
120. Stranorlar,	Donegal,	8	13	10	11	42
121. Swineford,	Mayo, Sligo,	–	1	1	1	3
122. Thurles,	Tipperary,	2	2	4	6	14
123. Tipperary,	Tipperary, Limerick,	2	–	2	3	7
124. Tralee,	Kerry,	6	4	4	3	17
125. Trim,	Meath,	–	7	3	–	10
126. Tuam,	Galway,	–	1	3	1	5
127. Tullamore,	King's County, Westmeath,	6	2	5	2	15
128. Waterford,	Waterford, Kilkenny,	5	11	4	8	28
129. Westport,	Mayo,	7	4	1	5	17
130. Wexford,	Wexford,	1	2	9	6	18
	IRELAND,	2,312	2,131	2,214	2,604	9,261

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Abstract of Marriages Registered in each County and Province in Ireland during the Year 1859.

Counties and Provinces, including Cities.	Marriages. According to the Rites of the Established Church. Special License.	License.	Banns.	Registrar's Certificate.	Not stated by which of the foregoing forms.	Total.	Not according to the Rites of the Established Church. In Registered Presbyterian Meeting houses.	In Registered Buildings.	In the Registrar's Office.	Society of Friends.	Jews.	Total.	Total Marriages.	Not of Age. Men.	Not of Age. Women.	Re-married. Widowers.	Re-married. Widows.	Signed with Marks. Men.	Signed with Marks. Women.
Counties.																			
Antrim,	–	495	170	2	–	667	982	33	467	1	–	1,483	2,150	100	351	251	120	694	1,080
Armagh,	–	439	12	1	–	452	129	1	141	1	–	272	724	51	155	81	36	316	442
Cavan,	–	104	14	–	–	118	27	1	23	–	–	51	169	8	36	26	10	36	72
Donegal,	–	142	14	–	1	157	103	9	21	–	–	132	289	11	78	23	12	102	162
Down,	–	399	60	–	–	459	614	11	215	–	–	850	1,309	57	208	158	50	408	613
Fermanagh,	–	191	4	–	–	195	11	–	100	–	–	111	306	12	38	25	12	97	155
Londonderry,	–	216	8	–	1	225	289	9	98	–	–	389	614	28	116	61	25	202	286
Monaghan,	–	98	6	–	–	104	85	–	12	–	–	97	201	12	46	26	10	58	91
Tyrone,	–	372	11	–	–	383	269	5	33	–	–	307	690	18	141	56	31	251	382
Province of Ulster,		2,156	299	3	2	2,560	2,590	71	1,108	2	–	3,772	6,332	130	1,184	707	306	2,167	3,313
Counties.																			
Clare,	–	18	2	–	–	20	1	–	3	–	–	4	24	–	3	2	1	2	8
Cork,	–	217	148	6	2	371	11	7	54	–	–	92	463	9	81	41	35	50	149
Kerry,	–	30	6	–	–	36	1	–	3	–	–	4	40	–	12	2	4	9	9
Limerick,	–	58	31	–	1	90	3	–	8	1	–	11	101	2	18	10	9	14	43
Tipperary,	–	66	12	1	1	80	2	–	3	–	–	5	85	2	20	10	4	8	16
Waterford,	–	31	8	–	2	41	2	1	5	–	–	8	49	2	11	8	5	1	17
Province of Munster,	–	420	207	5	6	640	19	8	96	1	–	121	764	15	145	86	63	96	239
Counties.																			
Carlow,	–	23	10	–	1	34	1	–	1	–	–	5	39	1	8	6	2	6	10
Dublin,	5	475	318	1	–	801	33	8	268	3	1	353	1,054	13	134	129	86	81	170
Kildare,	–	33	12	–	–	55	3	–	7	1	–	11	86	5	21	1	3	16	31
Kilkenny,	–	20	9	–	–	29	–	–	2	–	–	2	31	–	5	1	–	1	10
King's County,	–	30	10	1	–	41	7	–	8	–	–	15	56	6	16	11	5	7	14
Longford,	1	35	5	–	–	41	2	–	3	–	–	5	46	–	5	2	1	9	9
Louth,	–	29	–	–	2	31	1	–	7	–	–	11	42	2	8	3	3	3	11
Meath,	–	33	1	–	–	34	1	–	–	–	–	1	35	–	7	2	2	3	4
Queen's County,	1	39	7	–	–	47	1	–	5	–	–	6	53	2	5	5	4	1	6
Westmeath,	–	35	3	–	1	41	5	–	8	–	–	13	54	1	9	6	5	3	10
Wexford,	–	50	7	–	–	57	–	1	17	–	–	18	75	2	11	13	2	10	17
Wicklow,	–	56	11	–	–	70	–	–	13	–	–	13	83	1	8	13	9	13	18
Province of Leinster,	7	867	426	2	4	1,304	59	9	277	4	1	350	1,654	30	238	198	135	158	310
Counties.																			
Galway,	–	42	11	–	–	53	2	–	10	–	–	12	65	2	18	14	1	13	22
Leitrim,	–	46	3	–	–	49	1	–	2	–	–	3	52	1	13	3	1	10	14
Mayo,	–	34	8	1	–	42	10	–	2	–	–	12	54	2	12	10	6	7	18
Roscommon,	–	37	12	–	1	50	–	–	1	–	–	1	51	1	11	7	7	10	14
Sligo,	–	75	6	–	–	81	5	1	2	–	–	8	89	4	17	13	6	19	25
Province of Connaught,	–	233	40	1	1	275	18	1	17	–	–	36	311	10	71	47	21	59	93
Total of Ireland,	7	3,974	972	13	13	4,979	2,686	90	1,498	7	1	4,282	9,261	594	1,619	1,064	527	2,479	3,955

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ABSTRACT of MARRIAGES Registered in every County and Province in Ireland, during each Quarter of the Year 1859.

COUNTIES AND PROVINCES, INCLUDING CITIES.	Quarter ended March 31.	June 30.	September 30.	December 31.	TOTAL.
COUNTIES.					
Antrim,	479	495	557	619	2,150
Armagh,	190	146	169	219	724
Cavan,	40	30	40	59	169
Donegal,	123	72	70	84	649
Down,	291	630	305	403	1,629
Fermanagh,	80	75	66	85	306
Londonderry,	157	149	129	179	614
Monaghan,	65	50	68	48	201
Tyrone,	204	164	120	202	690
Province of ULSTER,	1,629	1,511	1,494	1,898	6,532
COUNTIES.					
Clare,	7	5	6	6	24
Cork,	120	102	136	107	465
Kerry,	18	4	9	9	40
Limerick,	28	16	26	29	101
Tipperary,	19	17	20	29	65
Waterford,	9	12	9	19	49
Province of MUNSTER,	201	158	206	199	764
COUNTIES.					
Carlow,	8	11	15	5	39
Dublin,	249	247	277	281	1,054
Kildare,	15	16	35	20	86
Kilkenny,	7	11	6	7	31
King's County,	14	13	10	22	59
Longford,	11	14	13	8	46
Louth,	10	9	12	11	42
Meath,	6	1	10	8	35
Queen's County,	14	6	20	13	53
Westmeath,	16	7	10	18	51
Wexford,	15	14	26	20	75
Wicklow,	17	25	18	23	83
Province of LEINSTER,	382	364	452	436	1,654
COUNTIES.					
Galway,	16	15	19	15	65
Leitrim,	21	17	6	8	52
Mayo,	19	11	9	15	54
Roscommon,	15	10	10	16	51
Sligo,	29	25	18	17	89
Province of CONNAUGHT,	100	78	62	71	311
TOTAL OF IRELAND,	2,312	2,131	2,214	2,604	9,261

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